

Gentlemen,

As a former xDSL based ISP owner, I am familiar with the regulatory environment opening up the marketplace for small ISP's by enabling them to use ILEC's xDSL lines on a wholesale basis. This promoted competition in the market and was generally seen as a good move.

However, I fail to see how the thrust of this most recent proceeding, namely applying tariffs to Wireless Operators, benefits anyone but the already incumbent carriers.

I am in the process of building a business plan for a small Wireless ISP in a market not served by ILECs, but am now in a holding pattern until this issue is resolved for fear I may be stuck paying those very same ILECs to build and run it, and that's in addition to what I will have to pay them to backhaul the data to my NOC.

Exactly how does this promote a healthy marketplace?